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1. SUMMARY. EMBOFF DROVE FROM KIGALI TO KAMPALA AUGUST 8 AND FOUND THE ROAD IN GENERALLY GOOD CONDITION. TRIP TOOK SIX AND A HALF HOURS. ONLY IMPEDIMENT TO CARGO TRANSPORT BY ROAD IS A BRIDGE AT THE BORDER WHICH NEEDS TO BE REPLACED. END SUMMARY.

2. AF/RA LTCOL MARLEY, CURRENTLY ON TDY AT EMBASSY KIGALI, DROVE AUGUST 8 FROM KIGALI TO KAMPALA AND FOUND THAT THE ROAD CONDITIONS ARE GENERALLY GOOD. THE FOLLOWING ARE HIS OBSERVATIONS AS REPORTED IN TELCON TO AF/C.

3. THE ENTIRE TRIP TOOK SIX AND A HALF HOURS FROM EMBASSY KIGALI TO EMBASSY KAMPALA, INCLUDING ABOUT 30 MINUTES OF
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CITY TRAFFIC UPON ARRIVAL IN KAMPALA. ROAD IS TWO LANES, PAVED, AND IN MOST PLACES IS IN EXCELLENT CONDITION. IN ABOUT 12 - 15 SPOTS AT VARIOUS POINTS ON THE ROAD, ROCK SLIDES HAVE BLOCKED OFF PART OF ONE LANE (ABOUT ONE THIRD OR ONE HALF OF THE LANE), BUT THERE IS SPACE FOR TRUCKS TO GET BY. THE CRATER WHICH WAS BLOWN INTO THE ROAD IN 1990

AT A LOCATION 62 KM. FROM KIGALI HAS BEEN FILLED WITH LATERITE AND DOES NOT IMPEDE TRAFFIC FLOW.

4. ROUGH AREAS: THERE ARE THREE ROUGH AREAS WHERE PAVEMENT HAS DETERIORATED. 1) BETWEEN KM. 64 AND 65, THE ROAD IS HEAVILY POTHoled. 2) THERE IS A ONE KILOMETER STRETCH BETWEEN KM. 68 AND 69 WHICH APPEARS NEVER TO HAVE BEEN PAVED. 3) AT KM. 71.5, THERE IS A 200 METER STRETCH WHICH IS HEAVILY POTHoled.

5. BRIDGES: THERE IS A SINGLE LANE BAILEY BRIDGE ABOUT 10 METERS LONG LOCATED 41.5 KILOMETERS FROM KIGALI. IT IS IN GOOD CONDITION AND APPEARS CAPABLE OF SUSTAINING HEAVY TRUCKS. AT THE BORDER CROSSING AT GATUNA, THERE IS A BRIDGE WHICH NEEDS TO BE REPLACED. THE BRIDGE, LOCATED IN THE AREA BETWEEN THE RWANDAN AND UGANDAN INSPECTION POSTS, WAS BLOWN UP IN 1990 AND REPLACED WITH A MAKESHIFT BRIDGE. THIS TEMPORARY BRIDGE GROANS AND SWAYS WHEN HEAVY TRUCKS CROSS IT. IT WOULD HAVE TO BE REPLACED WITH A BAILEY BRIDGE IN ORDER FOR TRUCKS TO USE THE ROAD ON A REGULAR BASIS FOR DELIVERY OF RELIEF SUPPLIES.

6. CHECKPOINTS/FORMALITIES: ONLY FOUR MILITARY CHECKPOINTS WERE ENCOUNTERED ON THE DRIVE FROM KIGALI TO
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THE BORDER AT GATUNA, WHICH TOOK ABOUT 70 MINUTES. THERE
IS A FIFTH MILITARY CHECKPOINT AT THE BORDER, BUT THERE
WERE NO FORMALITIES TO EXIT RWANDA. ON THE UGANDAN SIDE
OF THE BORDER, THE VEHICLE, DRIVER AND PASSENGERS MUST BE
REGISTERED. IT ONLY TOOK 15 MINUTES TO COMPLETE THE WHOLE
PROCESS. TARNOFF

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